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AFTER THE WAR IS OVER

What Will Happen? Why, the Fellow Who Has Postponed
Activities Until After Hostilities Are Over Will Have
Lost the Grandest Little Excuse in the World

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WHEN the war is over—what then?

What? Why, we will have lost the grandest little excuse in the world. As things stand to-day we can make the most pronounced failure and get away with it. Our act may "drop" and our audience walk out, yet we need not hang our heads. Though our best directed efforts end ingloriously and all doors are marked "Exit" we are right there with the comeback.

War! War is the reason. Shift all your burdens onto the broad shoulders of Mr. Mars, the man responsible for howitzers, Zeppelins, shrapnel and kindred present day playthings popular in Europe.

No one need wear the willow nowadays. It is so much easier and more becoming to affect olive branches. Through fickle Fortune flouts or flatters bow robes in your face you can laugh right back again. The world need never know you are not on speaking terms with the lady. Old man Mars gets all the blame.

Three men whose daily stipends are small because of their inaction for earning and capacity for spending are going to get jobs after the war. They have been going to get jobs for several years, but of course the war came along and simply ruined their chances.

"Work is scarcer than Germans in Paris," complained one of the trio who gave his time to the pursuit of pleasure and leisure. "And salaries—awful. If a fellow did land a job the pay is so small he couldn't afford to work for it. When this war ends there will be the finest flock of jobs in history hanging around looking for holders. That is where I jump in and pull down a plum."

"If you're on the square about that job talk I can help you out," offered a friend who knew that when it came to breaking away from work the alleged job hunter had Houdini looking like a paralytic. "I need a man in the shipping department the worst way. It requires considerable action and a lot of



She substitutes knitting for bridge on account of the war.



Brokers walk to the station on account of the war.

elbow grease to hold the job down, but you'd get along great. Come down to-morrow and give it a whirl."

"A-l-l-r-i-g-h-t," was the response, with about as much enthusiasm as is shown by an Irishman at a Dutch picnic.

"Come to-morrow, but no sign of the job hunter. He was safely ensconced in the shade of a sheltering artificial palm waiting for the war to end so he could get a job, and spending the interim in the intricacies of the tango and a recent South American wild cocktail."

Another of the leisure lovers was on the verge of becoming an automaton salesman when the war came and punctured all his tires of ambition. He had never been so dangerously near doing something in his life. Now he complains about the Kaiser, but secretly he would like to slap the willful warrior on the back, call him "Bill, old boy," and blow him to a tall stein with soda on the top.

The third languid lounge is just waiting, that's all. When things quiet down again he is going to get busy and find himself some work. No hurry, you understand. He has waited so long now that a year more or less means nothing. He is a staunch believer in the Makower.

These three men are in a personal span of acquaintances. Of the thousand and three who have postponed all activities until after hostilities are typical. A certain place we like to forget is paved with good intentions. The chronic idlers who have hit upon the war as a good excuse to go on doing nothing stand a pretty fair chance of trying out the climate of that certain

place. Idle hands always interest his Satanic Majesty.

Among those who do not care how long the Kaiser serves are not members in good standing of the Alimony Club. Graduates of Ludlow street jail are with the war to a man.

"Blessed be the batters," they chorus. "Go to it, boys. Take your time."

What? Haven't you heard? The war has cut down the high cost of alimony. It has indeed.

The cream has been skimmed right off the top of that monthly instalment imposed by justice as partial payment for past mistakes. The tribute money levied by stony hearted experience has been lessened. The price of the tip that love is a deception and matrimony a snare has been reduced. It is still a pretty costly apple to pluck from the tree of knowledge, but fair minded judges have sensed the money situation and declared war prices on all alimony.

"I intended trying for my decree right away," sighed a blond bundle of matrimony. "Now I've decided to put it off until after the war. I hear the alimony market has completely gone to pieces. Talk about soldiers and their needs! Isn't it a heap better to have a wounded arm than a wounded heart? What we really need is a Red Cross Society for Shattered Affections."

Those intimate and highly dressed up affairs at which women concentrate on cards all the afternoon for the sake of an almost silver powder puff or a lace and ribbon doddad good for nothing at all except to clutter up the place have been indefinitely postponed. Bridge

pencils have given place to knitting needles. The "play, please," request is discarded in favor of "knit, please." A brilliant bridge score is not nearly so great a claim to social supremacy as a pair of hand done woolen socks.

When grandmother wanted to give an afternoon party she invited her friends to come and bring their knitting. The girl who was just finishing an elaborate red and white comfortable for her sweetheart's birthday gift was queen of the occasion. Along toward twilight grandmother passed the doughnuts, the spice cake and tumbler of sweet apple cider.

Knitting parties up to date are nothing like this. Fashionably gowned women trip from their motor cars into the dining room. They toy a bit with the needles, all for sweet charity and those poor dear soldiers in the trenches.

It is an age of specialization. Some have specialized in society; others in the homely graces, such as socks. The curriculum of the exclusive finishing school has nothing to do with knitting needles. So the sippers of the pink cocktails are living according to their enlightenment. The socks reach the soldiers, which is, after all, the main issue.

And now prepare for the ultimate word in economy.

Hundreds, even thousands, of automobiles are going into retirement until after the war. Avaricious gasoline appetites have been placed in cold storage. Luxurious limousines are collecting cobwebs in out of the way corners. After the war they will be brought forth, dusted, fed and watered and then spinning down the road, but meanwhile the voice of the siren horn is silenced.

I have it from the girl who draws that in the most picturesque portion of Long Island an entire colony of brokers has taken to the original means of transportation and colonists are now wearing out shoe leather between their palatial homes and the station.

In the early morning these erstwhile jugglers of precious paper can be seen bidding their families farewell on the front stoop instead of in the porte-cochere. No whirr of wheels and clunk of horns disturbs the peace and quiet of the country. Only the echo of heels hitting the pavement with a hurried patter portends the approach of the 8:15.

A few of the more fortunate workers in Wall Street have become combination brokers and chauffeurs. The autocrats for hire have had water and their leather suits and decamped to parts unknown. Marster is driving his own motor. His hands are getting all marred with callous spots and his hitherto immaculate wardrobe is beginning to show the effects of frequent bouts with car-busters and oil vices.

Other owners of a collection ranging from low, rakish roadsters to replicas of a Pullman palace de luxe have abandoned

their plutocratic cars and are devoting themselves exclusively to the only car a poor man can afford. The other day one of these saucy little vehicles flashed down Broadway. Very few recognized it in its disguise of purple paint and gold stripes, to say nothing of the purple upholstery looming up bravely from within. All of which means more millions for a well known philanthropist and pleasure purveyor out in Detroit. What is that about an ill wind?

Cupid, poor chubby chap, is limping about oozing gloom and complaining. It's mighty rough on him, this war. Imagine all the matches he had fixed up for them until the Allies prove to the Germans that they are all wrong.

The license business has fallen off and is still falling," admitted a City Hall aid to the bow and arrow boy. "It is my opinion that we will have to sell licenses at war prices or have them on our hands."

If a truce is declared before the Yuletide sets in there will be a record sale of white tulle and shower bouquets over the holidays. Here is hoping some one gets a decision in time to five Cupid's army a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

You have heard about that part the promising young actress from Columbus, Ohio has been promised for five years, the part that is destined to bring forth another Bernhardt? She is going to get it sure—after the war.

Remember that diamond ring friend husband has been battling you with for four years, fed and watered. Ask him. He will tell you it will be yours without fail—after the war.

Taking two drinks too many is foolish. This thing of sitting around and drinking a lot of liquor will get a man in the end. It has to be stopped. It will be stopped—after the war. You see this war gets on a man's nerves. He needs a stimulant to keep in the game. After the war—oh, well, he can cut the stuff out.

After the war father is going to get Bobby a bicycle, sister is going to marry her beau, mother is going to get a new rug for the dining room floor, the playwright is going to write a success, the sons writer is going to write a hit, the author is going to write a best seller, the merchant is going to make a million, the artist is going to paint a masterpiece, the engineer is going to build a bridge, the five year old kid is going to put on more trains, the Joneses are going to build a new house, in fact, the whole wide world is going to wag merrily on its way—after the war.

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